REMARKS

Claims 1-140 have been cancelled. Claims 141-160 have been added. Such

added claims address particular aspects of the present invention regarding auto

negotiation operations. The undersigned attorney believes that the new claims added

herein distinguish over the cited references. The undersigned attorney invites the

Examiner to call with any questions or comments regarding these new claims.

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